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The Dy: Commissioners of Districts.

The presidents of District Boards

Comptroller to Govt.

Secretary to Govt Electric Department

Chief Engineer of mysore

Director of Industries & Commerce.

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To

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SIR,

I have the honour to forward, herewith, in duplicate, the Administration Report of the Village Panchayets in the State during the year 1930-31 with necessary statistics and statements.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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Report on the Administration of Village Panchayets for the year 1930-31.

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1. Reconstitution of the Village Panchayets.

The term of the Village Panchayets which were constituted in February 1927, having expired in Februar 1930, they had to be reconstituted in that month. But this could not be done as the general elections for the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly also fell due at the same time; hence the term of the Village Panchayets was extended by the Deputy Commissioners, under Section 12 of the Village Panchayet Regulation, to varying periods, according as local circumstances necessitated. The reconstitution work was therefore taken up at the close of 1929-30 and was also continued during this year. As a result of the reconstitution, the number of Village Panchayets and hamlets increased from 9125 at the commencement of the year to 10,251, at the close of the year, as indicated below:--

	Number of Panchayets and Hamlets.	
	At the commencement of the year.	At the close of the year.
Bangalore.	1,585	2,216
Kolar.	1,206	1,289
Tumkur.	1,320	1,360
Mysore.	1,870	1,873
Hassan.	1,181	1,367
Shimoga.	773	828
Kadur.	460	491
Chitaldrug.	730	827
Total...	9,125	10,251

This reconstitution work has not been completed

yet in a few Taluks, and attempts are being made to finish it as early as possible. The increase in the number of Village Panchayets is due to the splitting up and readjustment of the old Village Panchayets into smaller units, so as to give greater scope for local development and to afford more opportunities to people to participate in the Scheme.

2. Election of Members and appointment of Office bearers.

The statement given below indicates the total number of elected and nominated members in the Village Panchayets in the State as on the last day of the year.

District.	Members.			Chairmen.			Secretaries appointed.
	Elected.	Nominated.	Total.	Elected.	Nominated.	Total.	
Bangalore.	7660	5520	13,180	156	2060	2216	310
Kolar.	6744	2705	9,449	Information not furnished.....			
Tumkur.	7842	3595	11,437	10	1350	1360	---
Mysore.	9934	5577	15,511	28	1845	1873	734
Hassan.	5771	3225	8,996	78	1289	1367	26
Shimoga.	3954	2637	6,591	73	755	828	98
Kadur.	2050	1986	4,036	Information not furnished.			---
Chitaldrug.	4160	2408	6,568	71	756	827	---
Total. 1930-31.	48,115	27,653	75,768	--	--	--	--
1929-30.	44,163	24,655	68,828	--	--	--	--

It will be seen that there were 75,768 members in the Village Panchayets at the close of the year, as against 68,828, at the close of the previous year 1929-30.

Some of the Deputy Commissioners have not

furnished details as to the number of Chairmen elected and nominated, and the number of Secretaries that have been appointed by the Village Panchayets. It is hoped that these ✗ details will invariably be furnished in future reports.

3. Meetings.

The total number of meetings held by the several Village Panchayets during the year was 27,814 as against 29,274 meetings held in the previous year. The details are as under:--

District.	Ordinary.	Adjourned.	Special.	Total.	Average attendance at each meeting.
Bangalore.	5,436	94	311	~~5,481~~ 5,841	5.7
Kolar.	5,244	115	276	5,635	...
Tumkur.	2,456	13	141	2,610	6.0
Mysore.	4,219	82	303	4,604	5.9
Hassan.	2,155	1	6	2,162	---
Shimoga.	1,668	22	26	1,716	---
Kadur.	1,543	24	52	1,619	5.3
Chitaldrug.	3,420	32	175	3,627	---
Total. 1930-31.	26,141	383	1,290	27,814	
1929-30.	27,138	517	1,619	29,274	

There has been a decrease in the number of meetings held during the year as compared with the previous year, the Districts contributing therefor being Tumkur, Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga. It is also seen that, in a large number of Panchayets, no meetings were held at all during the year. This is very unsatisfactory. It is hoped that the Deputy Commissioners will issue needful instructions to the local officers to see that all the Village

Panchayets meet more regularly and transact business, as otherwise the objects of the Village Panchayet Scheme will not be fulfilled.

4. Financial Results.

The opening cash balance at the credit of the Village Panchayets at the commencement of the year was Rs.28,51,491 as per revised figures furnished. The income of the Village Panchayets during the year, under all heads, aggregated to Rs.8,86,655/-, thus making a total of Rs.37,38,146/- available for expenditure. A sum of Rs.7,58,796/- was spent by the Village Panchayets in the several Districts during the year, leaving a balance of Rs.29,79,350/- at the close of the year.

The details are as under:--

District.	Opening balance.	Income for 1930-31.	Total.	Expenditure for 1930-31.	Closing balance.
Bangalore.	(x) 324,836	120,365	445,201	84,000	361,201
Kolar.	367,918	161,996	529,914	137,538	392,376
Tumkur.	443,598	104,190	547,748	106,280	441,508
Mysore.	(x) 577,468	166,097	743,565	129,318	614,247
Hassan.	286,899	60,145	347,044	52,162	294,882
Shimoga.	267,172	85,717	352,889	67,454	285,435
Kadur.	186,352	59,597	245,949	59,346	186,603
Chitaldrug.	397,248	128,548	527,796	122,698	403,098
Total. 1930-31	(x) 28,51,491	886,655	3738,146	758,796	29,79,350
1929-30	2199,968	1388346	3588,314	743,080	28,45,234

(x) As per revised figures furnished by the Deputy Commissioners.

5. Income of Village Panchayets.

Appended statement 'A' gives the details of the income under the several heads in the Districts.

The total income for the year amounted to Rs.886,655 as against Rs.13,88,346/- in the previous year thus recording a fall of over 5 lakhs. The subjoined table indicates the variations under the several items of demand for the year 1930-31 as compared with 1929-30:-

Items.	1929-30.	1930-31.	Variations. (Plus) Increase. (-) Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. House tax.	878,359	464,266	- 414,093
2. Tax on shops and places of trade or business.	43,573	25,856	- 17,717
3. Cart tax.	10,966	5,902	- 5,064
4. Tax on vacant sites and Hittals.	113,313	63,790	- 49,523
5. Other taxes, cesses or rates.	6,624	3,466	- 3,158
6. License fees.	658	1,543	Plus 885
7. Other fees.	10,378	3,616	- 6,762
8. Cattle pounds.	43,335	34,863	- 8,472
9. Fines.	643	2,301	Plus 1,658
10. Grants and contributions.	150,530	103,564	- 46,966
11. Other items.	95,959	151,542	Plus 55,583
12. Deposits.	15,281	17,150	" 1,869
13. Advances.	6,081	8,796	" 2,715

With the exception of a few items viz., License fees, fines, other items, deposits and advances, there has been a fall under all the other items, the decrease being marked under 'Compulsory taxes' (ie., items 1 to

to 4 above). The fall under income is stated to be mainly due to the economic depression that prevailed in the year and the consequent poor collection of taxes as is explained in para 6 infra.

6. Demand, Collection & Balance of Village Panchayets.

Statement 'D' shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the Village Panchayets in the several Districts for the year.

The arrears at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs.17,24,498 as per revised figures furnished by the Deputy Commissioners. The new demand for the year aggregated to Rs.15,09,375 as against Rs.15,38,589/- in 1929-30, thus recording a fall by Rs.30,000/- (approximately).

Out of the total demand of Rs.32,33,873/- for the year, only a sum of Rs.876,436 was realised inclusive of remissions during the year, as against Rs.13,92,839/- inclusive of remissions during the year 1929-30.

The progress of collections during the year was disappointing due, chiefly to the economic depression that prevailed and the phenomenal fall in the prices of agricultural produce and the consequent inability and also difficulty for the villagers to find the money needed to pay their dues.

The arrears outstanding recovery at the end of the year were Rs.23,57,437 as against Rs.17,24,498/- in the year previous. It has however to be mentioned that a considerable portion of the balance represents arrears of the old Village Panchayets and Unions which were

carried forward in the accounts but are mostly irrecoverable, either being time-barred for recovery or otherwise being not readily realisable.

Instructions had been issued by this office for writing off such items after scrutiny, but speedy action in this behalf could not be pursued by the local officers, as the provisions in the Village Panchayet Regulation and the Rules thereunder, as to the procedure to be adopted and the authorities competent to pass orders were not full and clear. Detailed rules in this behalf were sanctioned by Government in Notification No.L.3885/V.P. 83-28-7 dated 10th November 1930. It is expected that better progress in that direction will be shown hereafter.

Necessary and special instructions have also been issued to the local officers to pay special attention to the recovery of the outstanding dues in Village Panchayets. The Deputy Commissioners have been requested to see that greater efforts are put forth by the Panchayets and the Taluk authorities for the reduction of the heavy arrears. The results are being watched.

7. Expenditure.

Appended statement 'B' gives the details of expenditure incurred by the Village Panchayets during the year under the several heads. The total expenditure incurred during the year was Rs.758,796/- as against Rs.743,080/- in the previous year.

The principal items of expenditure are detailed below:--

Particulars.	During 1929-30.	During 1930-31.
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Office charges.	27,247	25,919
2. Collection charges.	40,923	43,505
3. Village Improvement (including conservancy and sanitation, water-supply, Public Works, Medical Relief, Lighting).	517,869	486,993
4. Other items.	112,252	153,327
5. Cattle-pounds maintenance.	13,371	15,363

With a view to safeguard the Panchayet Funds from being frittered away on un-important items of work by the Village Panchayets, detailed instructions for the preparation of programmes of work had been issued at the close of 1929-30. In pursuance thereof, programmes were prepared in some of the Taluks during the year. It is hoped that these instructions will be strictly followed by all the Village Panchayets in future, and that the funds so far accumulated are spent on improvements of common utility and permanent benefit to the villagers.

8. Closing Cash Balance at the credit of the Village Panchayets.

The cash balance at the credit of the several Village Panchayets at the close of the year was Rs.29,86,911/-. Statement 'C' furnishes the details thereof.

The cash balance is fairly large and it is desirable that steps should be taken early to spend it on works of permanent utility to villages, as otherwise

the scheme might become unpopular if money is collected fr from the people and locked up in the Savings Bank Deposits.

9. Progress in Sanitary Arrangements, Drainage, Medical Relief and Lighting.

The amount spent by the Village Panchayets on Sanitation, Lighting and Medical Relief is as under:--

	1929-30. Rs.	1930-31. Rs.
Conservancy and Sanitation.	53,274	48,995
Lighting charges.	20,254	21,677
Medical Relief.	11,578	17,808

The chief items of work attended to under Conservancy and Sanitation were as in previous years:-

(i) Removal of prickly pear, lantana and other rank vegetation.

(ii) Filling up of insanitary pits, and cess-pools etc.

(iii) Employment of sweeping and scavanging establishments.

(iv) Construction and repair of drains in villages.

(v) Acquiring and allotting sites for dumping manure.

(vi) Construction of sanitary latrines on prescribed models.

In some Village Panchayets, village extensions were laid out on approved and sanitary lines and the villagers induced to build tiled houses there.

As in the previous year, some of the Village Panchayets contributed their quota for starting District Board Dispensaries in or near their villages. Halgur in Malavalli Taluk, Nesagarahalli in Maddur Taluk, Kabbahalli in Gundlupet Taluk, Santhebachahalli in Krishnarajpet Taluk, Ravandoor in Hunsur Taluk are some of the

Village Panchayets which contributed for the location of Hospitals. Some Village Panchayets entertained trained Midwives at their cost. Some others continued to maintain or contribute funds for Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries. In some places, the Village Panchayets supplied Quinine to people suffering from Malaria. It is hoped that more Village Panchayets will follow the above examples and create some Medical facilities in their villages.

Lighting in villages received greater attention during the year. A few village Panchayets, Mindahalli and Jogalkhasti in Mulbagal Taluk, Kodiyala and Naganahalli in Seringapatam Taluk, installed electric lights for village lighting during the year. It is also reported that action is being taken for the installation of electric lights in the following Panchayets:--

Bangalore District:-- Agara, Kengeri, Vartur, Krishnarajapuram in Bangalore Taluk, Sugganahalli, Bidadi and surrounding villages in Closepet Taluk, Sathnoor, Sivanahalli, Hosakote and other villages near Sathnoor in Kankanhalli Taluk.

Kolar District:-- Kyasamballi, Sundarapalya, Kangandalahalli, Gennerahalli, Dalavai-Hosahalli, Bennavara, Banagere, Mavalahalli, Kurubarahalli, Bethamangala and Kannur in Bowringpet Taluk and Thayalur and Kamasandra in Mulbagal Taluk. (The installation has since been made in Thayalur).

Mysore District:-- Kadakola in Mysore Taluk, Hullahalli and Kalale in Nanjangud Taluk, Kuderu and Ummathur in Chamarajanagar Taluk, Arakere, Chandagal, Naganahalli, Palahalli, Belagola, Harave and Kyatanahalli

in Seringapatam Taluk, Bilikere in Hunsur Taluk and Chitnahalli in Malavalli Taluk.

Some Village Panchayets provided Petromax lights during the year for street lighting, while several others provided street lighting by means of ordinary kerosene lamps.

10. Progress in the execution of Public Works.

A sum of Rs.314,992/- was spent on public works during the year as against Rs.349,098 in the previous year. The works executed were mostly Panchayet Halls, Chavadies, School buildings, drains, roads, culverts, cattle-pounds, gate-pillars and name-boards, parks etc.

Some of these works were executed through the agency of the Public Works Department. An instance of this kind is the construction of a combined bridge and Ane across a halla near Hosahalli village in Nagamangala Taluk at an estimated cost of Rs.5,150/-.

11. State of water-supply and action taken to improve the same.

During the year, a sum of Rs.83,511 for water-supply and maintenance charges was expended by the Village Panchayets, as against Rs.83,665/- in the previous year.

A large number of wells were sunk for the use of the villagers as well as Adikarnatakas, with the help of Government grants, District Board contributions, Village Panchayet Funds and Villagers' contributions in cash and labour.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District,

states that 37 new wells for both villagers and Adikarnatakas were sanctioned in the Bangalore District during the year and 38 wells including the incomplete wells were brought to completion.

In the Kolar District, grants are stated to have been given for 12 Adikarnataka wells, besides giving the usual grant-in-aid to Village Panchayets for improving old wells and sinking new ones. 122 wells at an estimated cost of Rs.54,152/- were undertaken in the Tumkur District, and work to the value of Rs.28,102/- was executed in the year. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, reports that the sinking of 17 well works including 12 for depressed class people were subsidised by the Government grant to his District. Lokasevaniratha Mr. Ambale Annaiah Pandit of Mysore is stated to have generously donated a sum of Rs.3,000/- for the sinking of 7 or 8 wells and construction of 2 or three Gokattes in villages where scarcity of for drinking water prevailed. The amount has been deposited in the Savings Bank and estimates for works are stated to be under preparation. With the help of the District Board a bore-well was put up at Devanoor in the Nanjangud Taluk. The erection of a pump to this well is also stated to be under consideration. A borewell is also being provided at Santhemarahalli and the work is under execution. In the Shimoga District, there were 30 well works in progress and 8 of these were completed during the year. In Kadur District, 11 new wells were sunk during the year, besides the ordinary repairs and deepening of wells. One Gokatte in the Kadur Taluk was also constructed. In the Chitaldrug District, Rs.18,075/- was spent on sinking and deepening of wells. The District Board is stated to have contributed

Rs.12,000/- for this purpose during this year.

12. Contributions from private persons and grants from District Boards and Government.

Allotments as noted below were placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners out of the provision in the Budget for giving grants to Village Panchayets:--

District.	Under assignments to Village Panchayets. Rs.	Under drinking water-wells. Rs.
Bangalore.	6,000	5,000
Kolar.	6,000	5,000
Tumkur.	6,000	6,000
Mysore.	9,000	5,000
Hassan.	5,000	5,000
Shimoga.	5,000	8,000
Kadur.	4,000	5,000
Chitaldrug.	5,000	5,000
Total...	46,000	44,000

The total amount received by the Village Panchayets as Government grant and contributions from District Boards and private persons aggregated to Rs.103,564/- for the year as against Rs.150,530/- in the previous year.

The following items of contribution from private persons may be mentioned:--

(i) Lokasevaniratha Mr. Ambale Annaiah Pandit of Mysore generously gave a donation during the year of Rs.3,000/- for sinking 7 or 8 wells and 2 or 3 Gokattes in villages where scarcity for drinking water prevailed.

(ii) Dharmaprakasa Mr. A. Chandregowda is

stated to have given a sum of Rs.1,500/- for laying out a road from Sanigere in Arsikere Taluk, to Singatigere in Kadur Taluk.

13. Cattle Pounds.

The realisations from Cattle Pounds in the several Village Panchayets, during the year, amounted to Rs.34,863/- and the expenditure thereon was Rs.15,363/- as per details given below:--

District.		Realisations. Rs.	Expenditure. Rs.
Bangalore.		5,738	2,595
Kolar.		6,268	2,372
Tumkur.		5,610	1,819
Mysore.		2,299	2,294
Hassan.		2,548	1,655
Shimoga.		2,598	1,428
Kadur.		4,128	1,102
Chitaldrug.		5,674	2,098
Total...	1930-31.	34,863	15,363
	1929-30.	43,335	13,371

Six new Cattle Pounds in the Bangalore District, two in the Tumkur, and four in the Kadur District are stated to have been opened during the year. Details in respect of other Districts have not been furnished.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, mentions that no income was realised in the year, in some of the Cattle Pounds of the Mysore District and that the matter will be investigated and necessary action taken to secure proper income to the Village Panchayets.

14. Important Schemes under consideration.

(i) The system of contributing labour once a week by the villagers, for executing works of communal ~~xxxxx~~ benefit is getting steadily, though slowly, popular. It is difficult to assess correctly the value in money, of the work turned out, under this system, especially in view of the fact that the labour was cheap during the year owing to economic depression. The value of work turned out in the several Districts, furnished by the Deputy Commissioners, which can only be taken as a rough estimates is as noted in the margin.

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	Rs.
Bangalore District.	68,549
Kolar. "	54,779
Tumkur "	32,984
~~xxxxx~~.Mysore "	15,282
~~Shimoga~~ Hassan "	30,153
Shimoga "	19,177
Kadur "	8,249(*)
Chitaldrug. "	22,660
Total...	251,833

(*) relates to only 2 Taluks.

~~The~~ This system will, if properly developed, not only promote corporate feeling in the villagers but will also help them to improve greatly the condition of the villages, on all sides. With a view to ensure steady progress in this direction, it has been considered desirable to place this system of weekly labour on a statutory basis, and a draft bill has been submitted to Government for consideration.

(ii) Levy of Optional Taxes.

During this year also, sanction was accorded to the levy of optional tax under Section 37 of the Village Panchayet Regulation by some of the Village Panchayets. According to the details furnished by some Deputy Commissioners, such a levy was sanctioned in 37 Village Panchayets in Kolar District, three Village Panchayets in

Tumkur District, and one Village Panchayet in Mysore District. Details in respect of the other Districts have not been furnished by the Deputy Commissioners. A number of Village Panchayets have also passed resolutions for levying optional taxes, and the matter is under correspondence.

(iii) Improved ploughs and other Agricultural Implements etc.

A large number of Village Panchayets are reported to have purchased improved ploughs from the Agriculture Department for making them available to people in the villages, on hire. It is stated that these ploughs are getting popular. The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur reports that 131 improved ploughs and 37 cultivators were purchased by the Village Panchayets of his District at a cost of Rs.3,178/-. 190 improved ploughs are reported to have been purchased by the Village Panchayets in the Chitaldrug District.

Besides this, seed ragi and manure were also purchased from the Agriculture Department by a number of Village Panchayets and distributed to the ryots.

(iv) Breeding Bulls.

A fairly large number of Village Panchayets are reported to have purchased breeding bulls from the Agricultural Department for service in villages. In some cases, the District Boards gave grant-in-aid to Village Panchayets which were too poor to purchase the bulls.

(v) Use of electricity for pumps and lights.

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, states

that Irrigation pumps worked by electricity were installed in the marginally noted Village Panchayets during the year. The installation of similar pumps for supply of water for irrigation and drinking purposes in some more Village Panchayets is under consideration and investigation.

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Bowringpet Taluk.

Kyasamballi, Sundarapalya, Kangandlahalli, Gemmerahalli, Dalavoi-Hosahalli, Bennavara, Banagere, Mavalahalli, Kurubarahalli, Bethamangala and Kammur.

Electric Lights were introduced into a few villages during the year, while schemes for introducing the same into a number of Panchayets were under consideration, as mentioned in para 9 supra.

(vi) Creating Postal facilities.

Postal facilities were given to some of the Panchayets during the year by introducing locked bag system. Some of these Village Panchayets are:--

Ramakrishnapur, Motaganahalli, Gudemarnahalli, and Sugganahalli Village Panchayets in the Bangalore District.

The introduction of this scheme to some more Village Panchayets is under consideration.

(vii) Transfer of Village Forests, Tanks etc., to Village Panchayets for management.

Some Village Panchayets were vested with the r of managing the Village Forests within their jurisdiction under Section 22 of the Village Panchayet Regulation. A Special Forest Officer had been appointed for the improvement and development of

of Village Forests. Propaganda work was carried on, and as a result, some Village Panchayets are coming forward to take up the management of Village Forests.

A few of the Village Panchayets were also similarly vested with powers of Tank Panchayets under Section 23 of the Village Panchayet Regulation.

In a number of cases, the management and control of Muzrai Institutions were also transferred to the Village Panchayets concerned and it is learnt that the Village Panchayets managed the affairs of these institutions satisfactorily.

Many of the Village Panchayets have taken active interest in planting avenue trees and fruit and shade trees in the Village Panchayet areas, in accordance with the instructions issued in Government Order No.R. 7692-702/L.R. 68-27-16 dated 28th May 1930.

(viii) Village Panchayet Schools.

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, states that there were three Village Panchayet Experimental Schools in Chickballapur Taluk, at Maralakunte, Dinnehosahalli and Kanitahalli and one more School was sanctioned at Gollu during the year. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, reports that the Village Panchayet Schools in his District continued to do good work and as there was demand for some more such schools, 25 more schools were sanctioned during the year.

(ix) Miscellaneous Schemes.

Model villages were started in several Taluks

to serve as examples and stimulate work in other places.

Measures introduced for the beautification of villages, like laying down approach roads, curb-stones on either side of the roads, erection of ornamental Gate-pillars, Fixing up of name-boards, laying out of Parks, construction of side-drains, removal of rank vegetation and filling up insanitary pits etc., received increased attention during the year. In some Village Panchayets, the experiment of using the cochenieal insects for the eradication of prickly pear was tried and found successful.

Considerable progress was also made in regard to the improvement of village communications and linking them up with main roads.

A scheme for the grant of small loans by Village Panchayets to hand-loom weavers within their jurisdiction to enable them to purchase improved weaving appliances was considered and recommended to Government and orders have recently been received (Government Order No.L.2845-54/V.P. 27-31-2 dated 8th/14th October 1931) sanctioning the same.

A scheme for the grant of loans by Government to the Village Panchayets for undertaking rural improvement works on a large scale within their jurisdiction is under the consideration of Government.

15. Prosecutions by Village Panchayets.

Appended statement 'E' indicates prosecutions launched by Village Panchayets during the year 1930-31 The prosecutions were mostly for construction of

buildings in Village Panchayet areas without licenses, sanitation offences, and obstruction caused to the Village Panchayet Officers in the discharge of their duties. In a few cases, prosecutions were also launched for misappropriation of Village Panchayet Funds by the Chairmen.

16. Names of Gentlemen who have evinced conspicuous practical interest in the Administration of Village Panchayets.

As in the previous years, many non-official gentlemen took keen interest in the working of the Village Panchayets. The names furnished by the Deputy Commissioners in this connection, are mentioned in the appended statement 'F'.

17. General.

The Village Panchayet Cinema was made use of as in previous years, in some of the Taluks of Tumkur, Chitaldrug, Hassan, Mysore and Bangalore Districts for educating the rural population in Sanitation, Scientific and improved methods of Agriculture, benefits of co-operation and team work etc. In all the places where Cinema was exhibited, it attracted good crowds of spectators and was much appreciated. The cost of haulage of the outfit and its running charges were met by the local Village Panchayets.

A Village Panchayet Court was organised at Mysore during the Dasarah Exhibition of this year

also and it proved successful.

Owing to the prevalent economic depression, the holding of Taluk and District Conferences was left to the discretion of the local authorities concerned. District Conference was organised only in the Kadur District. Taluk Conferences were organised in all the Taluks of Kolar, Kadur and Chitaldrug Districts and in some Taluks of Bangalore, Mysore and Hassan Districts. Propaganda relating to rural reconstruction matters was carried on in these Conferences by means of discussions, lectures, demonstrations and shows.

The Government grant for Rural Reconstruction work for the year was Rs.103,000/-. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs.103,438/-. In addition to this, a grant of Rs.1,00,000/- for Drinking Water Wells in villages, and a further grant of Rs.1,14,000/- for Tube Wells had also been sanctioned by Government for the year. The actual expenditure under these heads was Rs.70,182/- and Rs.95,340/- respectively. Besides these grants, advances were also sanctioned from Government funds, to some Village Panchayets to undertake village extensions and to purchase seed ragi for distribution to ryots.

The temporary establishment of Village Panchayet Inspectors was abolished in all the Districts from the commencement of the year and the Village Panchayet work was added on to the Revenue Inspectors. Thirteen Village Panchayet Organisers were however employed at Government cost till the end of the official year, to help the local officers in ru-

rural reconstruction work. Owing to the present financial position, it has not been found possible to appoint any Special Agency for giving technical assistance and supervising the Panchayet works in each Taluk.

18. Conclusion.

The year under report was an anxious one owing to the prevalent economic depression. The prices of the food grains and other agricultural produce fell considerably with the result that the main problem of the ryot was to find money to pay up his dues. Naturally, this had its repurcussions on the Village Panchayet Scheme and activities. The villagers could not bestow adequate attention on the Village Panchayet work and hold meetings regularly. The collection of taxes was found difficult and there was a considerable fall under income. The levy of additional and optional taxes, and the Panchayet activities in general received a set back. However, in spite of these adverse circumstances, it may be stated that the Village Panchayet Scheme is gaining in popularity. It is hoped that as conditions improve, the villagers will give greater attention to rural improvement work, reap the full benefits of the Scheme, and help the further progress of the movement.

Revenue Commissioner.

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Statement showing the income of Village Panchay

Sl. No.	District.	House tax.	Tax on shops & places of trade or business.	Cart tax.	Tax on vacant sites and hittals.	Other taxes, cesses or rates.	License fees.	Other fees.	Catt poun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Bangalore.	69,316	2,067	79	8,786	27	24	791	5,
2.	Kolar.	87,067	5,530	904	8,202	364	6	61	6,
3.	Tumkur.	47,608	4,099	611	5,848	288	--	1,440	5,
4	Mysore.	92,902	3,183	1,339	13,228	358	1,419	967	2,
5.	Hassan.	30,842	1,416	307	4,985	256	1	30	2,
6.	Shimoga.	42,843	2,815	1,362	6,712	494	9	18	2,
7.	Kadur.	29,904	1,286	264	3,263	897	---	285	4,
8.	Chitaldrug.	63,784	5,460	1,036	12,766	782	84	24	5,
	Total...	464,266	25,856	5,902	63,790	3,466	1,543	3,616	34,

in the state during the year 1930-31.

Fines.	Grants and contri-butions.	Other items.	Deposits.	Advances.	Total income.	Opening balance.	Grand total.	Income of the previ-ous year.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	13,631	19,708	50	126	120,365	324,836	445,201	181,672
53	12,970	31,249	6,356	2,966	161,996	367,918	529,914	200,230
226	12,548	22,057	2,730	1,125	104,190	443,598	547,788	195,849
135	24,368	21,347	2,002	2,550	166,097	577,468	743,565	305,760
1,811	6,930	9,788	792	439	60,145	286,899	347,044	125,726
19	13,759	12,255	1,478	1,355	85,717	267,172	352,889	121,751
11	5,626	13,833	50	50	59,597	186,352	245,949	91,180
24	13,732	21,305	3,692	185	128,548	397,248	525,796	166,178
2,301	103,564	151,542	17,150	8,796	886,655	2851,491	3738,146	1388346

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Statement showing the details of expenditure in Village

Sl. No.	District.	Office charges.	Collection charges.	Conservancy and sanitation.	Water-supply and maintenance charges.	Public Works.	Medical relief.	Lighting charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Bangalore.	4,589	4,589	4,667	10,116	33,418	444	2,648
2.	Kolar.	4,213	6,524	6,648	12,277	55,903	1,346	2,250
3	Tumkur.	6,557	4,793	9,123	16,123	37,423	6,962	3,382
4.	Mysore.	4,608	7,859	14,480	5,389	46,434	7,264	3,928
5.	Hassan.	1,687	3,800	3,084	6,608	22,866	378	596
6	Shimoga.	1,099	5,498	1,718	12,181	30,766	346	765
7	Kadur.	1,562	3,488	3,440	2,742	30,699	---	2,993
8.	Chitaldrug.	1,604	6,954	5,795	18,075	57,483	1,068	5,105
	Total...	25,919	43,505	48,955	83,511	314,992	17,808	21,667

anchayets in the State during the year 1930-31.

Cattle-pounds.	Other items.	De-posits.	Advances.	Total expenditure.	Closing balance.	Grand total.	Expenditure for previous years.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2,595	16,713	301	3,920	84,000	361,201	445,201	90,918
2,372	35,383	6,265	4,357	137,538	392,376	529,914	115,308
1,819	17,236	964	1,898	106,280	441,508	547,788	123,141
2,294	29,024	2,510	5,528	129,318	614,247	743,565	110,939
1,655	9,671	1,302	515	52,162	294,882	347,044	48,918
1,428	10,708	1,234	1,711	67,454	285,435	352,889	63,762
1,102	12,667	120	533	59,346	186,603	245,949	48,156
2,098	21,925	757	1,834	122,698	403,098	525,796	141,938
15,363	153,327	13,453	20,296	758,796	29,79,350	37,38,146	743,080

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nd custody of closing balances of Village Panchayets
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Details of custody of closing balances.

In Government Treasury.	In Government Savings Bank.	In Postal Savings Bank.	With Chairman or Secretary.	In other places.	Total.
7	8	9	10	11	12
	359,566	---	1,635	---	361,201
	392,376	---	---	---	392,376
	437,494	---	1,920	2,094	441,508
121	609,512	1,246	6,816	3,478	621,173
---	294,133	---	499	250	294,882
45	283,779	---	840	771	285,435
,866	117,235	---	984	1,518	186,603
---	403,098	---	635	---	403,733
7,032	28,97,193	1,246	13,329	8,111	29,86,911

nd Chitaldrug Districts, as compared with statement B is due to the inclusion
ts.

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Statement showing the details of balances and inves
in the State during the

Sl. No.	District.	Closing Balance.			
		Deposits.	Advances.	Other heads.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Bangalore	361,201	---	---	361,201
2.	Kolar.	1,850	2,414	388,112	392,376
3.	Tumkur.	990	1,920	438,598	441,508
4.	Mysore.	110	6,816	614,247	621,173 (x)
5.	Hassan.	592	749	293,541	294,882
6.	Shimoga.	---	---	285,435	285,435
7.	Kadur.	185,619	984	---	186,603
8.	Chitaldrug.	---	635	403,098	403,733 (x)
	Total...	550,362	13,518	24,23,031	29,86,911

(x) The differences in the closing balances figures in the Mys
of the permanent advances held by Chairmen of the Village Pan

and balance of Village Panchayets for the year 1930-31.

ses, rates der Sec.37.		Other items.				Total.			
Collection including remission.	Balance.	Arrears.	New demand.	Collection including remission.	Balance.	Arrears.	New demand.	Collection including remission.	Balance.
4(c)	4(d)	5(a)	5(b)	5(c)	5(d)	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)	6(d)
4	--	--	35,421	35,419	2	228,964	184,244	124,754	288,454
100	20	35	55,222	55,217	40	98,397	192,700	155,404	135,693
,202	104	--	44,643	44,643	--	288,518	232,523	104,190	416,851
---	---	759	53,996	53,996	759	592,862	335,512	166,613	761,761
17	20	---	21,980	21,980	--	185,402	146,979	61,023	271,358
125	42	---	9,382	9,382	--	132,967	136,930	71,903	197,994
--	--	1,266	22,869	23,154	981	52,904	93,820	59,619	87,105
--	--	--	39,283	39,283	--	144,484	186,667	132,930	198,221
,448	186	2,060	282,796	283,074	1,782	1724,498	1509375	876,436	2357,437

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Statement showing the demand, collection

Sl.	District.	Compulsory taxes levied under Section 36.				Other taxes, ce & fees levied u	
		Arrears.	New demand.	Collection including remission.	Balance.	Arrears.	New demand.
	2	3(a)	3 (b)	3 (c)	3 (d)	4 (a)	4(b)
1.	Bangalore.	228,964	148,819	89,331	288,452	--	4
2.	Kolar.	98,362	137,358	100,087	135,633	--	120
3.	Tumkur.	288,445	186,647	58,346	416,746	73	1,233
4.	Mysore.	592,103	281,516	112,617	761,002	---	---
5.	Hassan.	185,382	124,982	38,997	271,367	20	17
6.	Shimoga.	132,871	127,477	62,396	197,952	96	71
7.	Kadur.	51,638	70,951	36,465	86,124	--	--
8.	Chitaldrug.	144,484	147,384	93,647	198,221	---	--
	Total...	17,22,249	12,25,134	591,886	2355497	189	1,445

Statement showing the result of prosecutions under the Vi
several Districts during the

	District.	Sections or rules under which offences were committed.	Nature of offences.	Number of persons pending trial at the beginning of the year.	Number of persons newly prosecuted during the year.
	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Bangalore.	Sect. 29, 32, 62, 63 and 64.	Construction of houses without licenses, Obstructing a Panchayet Officer in the discharge of his duty.	6	4
2.	Kolar.	Sect. 29, 30, 31, 62 & 63.	Constructing houses without licenses, Sanitation offences, nuisance, obstruction etc.	11	53
3.	Tumkur.	Sect. 29, [illegible] and 62.	Constructing houses without license and obstruction to the performance of Village Panchayet duties.	--	3
4.	Mysore.	Sect. 29, 30, [illegible] 31, 62 & 63.	...do...	---	15
5.	Hassan.	Sect. 29 & 63.	Construction of houses without license.	3	13
6.	Shimoga.	Sect. 63 and	Misappropriation of Village Panchayet Funds.	--	5
7.	Kadur.	" 29 & 31.	Construction of houses without license and sanitary offences.	5	35
8.	Chitaldrug.	" 29, 62 & 63.	Construction of house without license & obstruction of performance of Village Panchayet duty.	--	14
	Total...			25	142

panchayet Regulation and the rules thereunder in the - —
1930-31.

Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons with whom offences were compounded.	Number of persons against whom cases were withdrawn.	Fines imposed.	Remarks.
8	9	10	11	12
3	---	---	4 - -	
25	--	1	44- 4 -0	
--	1	--	1 - 0 - 0	
--	1	--	6 - 0 - 0	
--	--	--	14 - 0 - 0	
--	3	--	- - -	Two persons were charged with misappropriation. One was convicted and one is pending trial.
8	31	--	10 - 0 - 0	
5	9	--	24 - 0 - 0	
41	45	1	103 - 4 - 0	

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Statement. F.

Names of gentlemen who have shown conspicuous practical interest in the Administration of Village Panchayets during 1930-31.

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aluk.	Names.
Bangalore District.	
angalore City Taluk:-	
Siddapur.	1. Mr. Puttanna, Chairman.
	2. " Ramaiah, Secretary.
Byatarayanapur.	3. " Narasimhaiah, Chairman.
	4. " Venkatappa, Member.
Hebbal.	5. " Peer Pacha, Chairman.
	6. " Gopaliah, ~~Secretary~~ Shanbhog.
	7. " Doddanagappa, Patel.
4. Kaval Byrasandra.	8. Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Chairman.
	9. " Setthappa, Patel.
Bangalore Taluk:-	
5. Begur.	10. "Annayyappa, Patel & Chairman.
Dodballapur Taluk:-	
6. Khasbeegh.	11. Mr. D. Kongadiappa.
7. Kadimanagondahalli.	12. " D. Venkatasubba Rao.
8. Rajaghatta.	13. " Patel Nanjappa.
9. Sarvamanya Gollahalli.	14. " Shivananjappa.
10. Aralamallige.	15. " T. Siddappa.
11. Chikkabelavangala.	16. " Patel Thimmegowda.
12. Thippur.	17. " Patel T. Rudrappa.
13. Hanbe.	18. " Shanbhog Venkatasubbiah.
14. Doddabelavangala.	19. " Patel Annegowda.
15. Thippanahalli.	20. " Shanbhog Subbarayappa.
16. Melekote.	21. " Patel Munegowda.
17. Karnal.	22. " Shanbhog Venkatanarayanappa.
18. Kurudigere.	23. " Honnappa

Dodballapur Taluk (continued).

19. Doddatumkur.	24. Mr. Thammannappa.
20. Kadnur.	25. " Arakere Nagendriah.
21. Kodihalli.	26. " Baichegowda.
22. Madhure.	27. " Srikantiah, Shanbhog.
23. Byrapura.	28. " Patel Hanumegowda.
24. Hosahalli.	29. " Patel Singregowda.
25. Chennaveeranahalli.	30. " Patel Lakkegowda.

Nelamangala Taluk:-

26. Obalapura.	31. Mr. Jonnaiya.
27. Sondekoppa.	32. " Lakshminarayana Sastry.

Devanahalli Taluk:--

28. Avathi.	33. " Naranappa.
29. Budigere.	34. " Rudrappa.
30. Bagaloor.	35. " Ramaiah.
31. Koramangala.	36. " Sonnegowda.

Anekal Taluk:--

32. Horagadde.	37. (i) Chairman. (ii) Shanbhog. (iii) Member.
33. Adur. 34. Gundanahalli. 35. Sonnayakapur.	38. Mr. Sreenivasiengar. Exercises Amildar's powers.

Closepet Taluk:--

36. Bommandur.	39. Mr. Hottappa, Chairman.
37. Archikanahalli.	40. " Veerabhadriah, Chairman.
38. Sugganahalli.	41. " Muddabasaviah. "
39. Kenchanaguppe.	42. " Venkatachaliengar.
40. Bannikuppa.	43. " Chowdegowda.

Channapatna Taluk.:-

41. Vardaraguppe.	44. " Nanjundiah.
42. Honnanikanahalli.	45. " Ramiah Setty.
43. Akkur.	46. " G. Sundaraiah.

Kolar District.

Chickballapur Taluk:-

1.	Kethenahalli.	Mr. Venkatarayappa.
2.	Yelagalahalli.	" Appi Reddi.
3.	~~Nanjannax~~ Peresandra.	" Nanjanna.
4.	Chikpailagurki.	" Patel Venkataraya Reddi.
5.	Maratanahalli.	" Byrappa.
6.	Sabbanahalli.	" Lakshmanreddi.
7.	Kavarnahalli.	" Veerabhadrappa.
8.	Kuduvathi.	" Veerabhadrappa.
9.	Yeluvahalli.	" Venkatasamigowda.
10.	Sultanpet.	" Subbannachar.

Malur Taluk:--

1.	Masti.	Mr. Cheluvaraja Iyengar.
2.	Lakkur.	" L. Ramiah.
3.	Santhehalli.	" Venkatasamigowda.
4.	Narasapur.	" N.S. Narayana Rao.

Mysore District.

Chamarajanagar Taluk:-

1.	Kuderu.	Mr. K. Santaveerappa, Chairman
	Heggadadevankote Taluk.	
2.	Hebbalakuppe.	" Venkataseshaiya, Chairman.
3.	Kollegowdanahalli.	" Nanjappaji Urs, Chairman.

Krishnarajapet Taluk:--

4.	Chinkurli.	Mr. Srikantiah, Chairman.
5.	Kikkeri.	" C.Venkatappa Setty.
6.	Chowdanahalli.	" Girigowda.
7.	Dodda Kyathanahalli.	" Chikka Rangegowda.
8.	Akkihebbal.	" Lingegowda.
9.	Agrahara Bachahalli.	" Subbanna.

Mysore Taluk.:--

10.	Vajamangala.	Mr. Savandiah, Chairman.
11.	Harohalli.	" R. Deviah, Chairman.

T. Narsipur Taluk:--

12. Muttalvadi.	Mr. Narasimhiah, Chairman.
13. Binakanahalli.	" Patel Madappa, Chairman.
14. Holesalu.	" Santhappa, Chairman.

Hassan District.

Alur Sub Taluk:--

1. Heddurga.	Mr. Sreekantiah, Chairman.
2. Channahalli.	" Ramaswamiah, Secretary.

Arsikere Taluk:--

3. Bommanahalli.	Mr. Gangegowda, Chairman.
4. Kalanaikanahalli.	" Shama Rao, Chairman.

Manjarabad Taluk:--

5. Ballu.	Mr. M. Venkataramiah, Shanbhogue.
6. Nadahalli.	" Narasimhiah, Shanbhogue.
7. Goddu.	" Sivaramiah,
8. Balagodu.	" Mylariah, Member.
9. Ballur.	" Shantamallegowda, Member.
10. Manakanhalli.	" Muddegowda, Member.

Kadur District.

Kadur Taluk:--

1. Sakrepatna.	Mr. Nadig Keshamurthiah, Chairma
2. Anigere.	" Rangadasegowda,
3. Patnagere.	" Ananthiah, Patel.

Mudigere Taluk:--

1. Gonibid.	Mr. Devariah.
2. Nandipura.	" Thammannagowda.
3. Hornad.	" D.B. Venkatasubba Jois.
4. Ambinakodige.	" Narasimha Puranik.
5. Hosahalli.	" Ramakrishniah.
6. Chinniga.	" Dyavappagowda.
7. Niduvale.	" Kalasegowda.
8. Kalasa.	" Kalasiah Hebbar.

Narasimharajapura Sub Taluk:--

1. Balehonnur. Mr. K.P. Srinivasa Prabhu, Chairman.

For Revenue Commissioner.

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Section V P

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Sir

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the report on the working of the Kalagé Panchayets in the State during 1931-2 received from the Revenue Commr in 2nd & request the matter may be set in type for being printed & the there proofs may be sent to the Rev. Commr for approval.

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The report on the working of the Village Panchayets in the State during the year 1930-31 received with letter No. C.Per.50-31 dated 5th December 1931, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

(Printed as an accompaniment).

O r d e r No. L 4921-41/VP 49-31-3

Dated Bangalore, the 11th January 1932.

R e c o r d e d.

2. Constitution. The total number of Village Panchayets and hamlets at the close of the year was 10,251 against 9,125 during the previous year, the increase being due to the splitting up and readjustment of the old Village Panchayets into smaller units, so as to afford greater scope for local development and wider opportunities to people to participate in the scheme. The total number of elected and nominated members on the last day of the year was 48,115 and 27,653 against 44,163 and 24,665 respectively in the previous year.

3. Meetings. Government regret to note that in spite of the observations made in the previous reviews, a large number of Panchayets did not hold meetings this year also. The total number of meetings held by all the Panchayets was 27,814 against 29,274 in the previous year, the Districts of Tumkur, Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga contributing to the decrease.

4. Finance. The balance available at the credit of the several Panchayets, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 28,51,491/- the income and expenditure during the year being Rs. 8,86,655/- and Rs. 7,58,796/- leaving a closing balance of Rs. 29,79,350/- at the end of the year. There was a decrease of about Rs.5 lakhs in the current year's income as compared with the previous year and this is said to be mainly due to the failure of the villagers to pay the taxes on account of general economic depression and the fall in the prices of agricultural produce. Out of a total demand of Rs. 32,33,873/- including the arrears of Rs. 17,24,498/- only a sum of Rs. 8,76,436/- was realised during the year against Rs. 13,92,839/- in the previous year. The amount in arrears was thus Rs. 23,57,437/- against Rs. 17,24,498/- in the previous year. It is reported that necessary steps are being taken for the reduction of the heavy arrears by writing off an appreciable portion representing the previous year's arrears which are mostly irrecoverable and by asking the Taluk and Village Officials to put forth greater effort in collection work. With a view to facilitate the writing off of the old and irrecoverable arrears, detailed rules were approved by Government and issued during the year laying down the procedure to be adopted and the authorities competent to remit or write off the irrecoverable arrears. In the case of the Tumkur, Mysore, and Hassan Districts, the collections fell below 50 per cent of the total demand for the year. In the other Districts also the collection work was not satisfactory.

The expenditure incurred during the year was

Rs. 7,58,796/- as detailed in the margin and was almost the same as in the previous year, viz., Rs. 7,43,080/-. The expenditure under the principal items was on almost the same level as in the previous year and it is stated that a regular programme of work to be carried out was prepared and followed in certain taluks. Similar programmes should be prepared and followed in the case of the other taluks also, so as to fully utilize the large surplus available for expenditure in the several Panchayets. The total amount available for expenditure at the end of the year was about Rs. 30 lakhs against Rs.28½ lakhs in the previous year. There is thus ample scope for utilising the amount on works of permanent utility and improvement of villages.

1. Public Works ...	Rs. 3,14,992
2. Conservancy and Sanitation...	48,955
3. Water Supply and Maintenance..	83,511
4. Lighting charges...	21,667
5. General Administration and Collection..	69,424
6. Other items ...	2, 20,247
Total Rs.	7,58,796/-

5. Activities of Panchayets. Extensions on approved and sanitary lines were laid out in certain Panchayets and contributions were paid by 5 Panchayets in the Mysore District for starting District Board Dispensaries. Lighting in villages received greater attention during the year and electric lights were installed during the year in Mindahalli and Jogalkhasti Panchayets in Mulbagal Taluk and Kodyala and Naganahalli in the Seringapatam Taluk. Action was also taken for the electric lighting of several other Panchayets in the Bangalore, Kolar and Mysore Districts. Some other Panchayets provided Petromax and Kerosene lights. A large number of wells were sunk for the use of the villagers generally as well as for Adi-karnatakas. A Bore well

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6. G e n e r a l. A Village Panchayet Court was organized at Mysore during the Dasara Exhibition and the Village Panchayet Cinema was also working during the year. Both were appreciated by the public. Owing to financial stringency, the posts of Village Panchayet Inspectors were abolished and

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A Jeeva Rao

for General Secretary to Government.

To

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" Deputy Commissioners of Districts,
" Presidents of District Boards,
" Comptroller to Government,
" Secretary to Government, Electric Department,
" Chief Engineer of Mysore,
" Director of Industries and Commerce.

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Dated, Bangalore, the December 1931.

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Constitution.

2. The reconstitution of the time-expired Village Panchayets was continued during the year under report and has been almost completed, ~~except in a few taluks which is also being pushed through~~. The total number of Village Panchayets and hamlets at the close of the year was 10,251 against 9,125 during the previous year, the increase being due to the splitting up and readjustment of the Old Village Panchayets into smaller units, so as to afford greater scope for local -- development and wider opportunities to people to participate in the scheme. The total number of elected and nominated members on the last day of the year was 48,115 and 27,65 against 44,163 and 24,655 respectively in the previous year.

Meetings.

3. In spite of the observations made in the previous reviews, ~~it is to be regretted that~~ a large number of Panchayets did not hold meeting

meetings this year also. The total number of meetings held by all the Panchayets was 27,814 against 29,274 in the previous year the Districts of Tumkur, Mysore, Hassan an Shimoga contributing to the decrease.

Finance.

4 The balance available at the credit o the several Panchayets, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 28, 51, 491, the income and expenditure during the year being Rs. 8,86,655 and Rs.7, 58,796 leaving a closin balance of Rs. 29,79,350 at the end of the year. ~~Unlike the previous years,~~ There was a decrease of about Rs.5 lakhs in the current year's income as compared with the previous year and this is said to be mainly due to the ~~inability~~ failure of the Villagers to pa the taxes on account of general economic -- depression and the fall in the prices of agricultural produce. Out of a total demand of Rs. 32, 33, 873 including the arrear of Rs. 17, 24, 498, only a sum of Rs. 8, 76, 436 was realised during the year against Rs. 13, 92, 839 in the previous year. The amount in arrears was Thus Rs. 23, 57, 437 against Rs. 17, 24, 498 in the previous years. It is reported that necessary steps are being taken for the reduction of the heavy arrear by writing off an appreciable portion representing the previous years' arrears which are mostly irrecoverable and by asking the Taluk and Village Officials to put forth -- greater effort in collection work, with a view to fecilitate the writing off of the old arrears, detailed rules were approved by Government and issued during the year laying down the proceedure to be adopted an

adopted and the authorities competent to remit or write off the irrecoverable arrears. In the case of the Tumkur, Mysore, and Hassan Districts the collections fell below 50 per cent of the total demand for the year. In the other Districts also the collection work was not satisfactory. It is hoped that better results will be achieved next year.

The expenditure incurred during the year was Rs.7,58,796 as detailed in the margin and was almost the same as in the previous year viz., Rs.7,43,080/-. The expenditure under the principal items was on almost the same level as in the previous year and it is stated that a regular programme of work to be carried out was prepared and followed in certain taluks. Similar programmes should be prepared and followed in the case of the other taluks also, so as to fully utilize the large surplus available for expenditure in the several Panchayets. The total amount available for expenditure at the end of the year was about Rs.30/- lakhs against Rs. 28 1/2 lakhs in the previous year. There is thus ample scope for utilising the amount on works of permanent utility and improvement of villages.

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. General Administration and Collection.	"	69,424
. Other items.	"	2,20,247
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